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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SEISHI KATO, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/674,235

Filed: March 19, 2001

For: HUMAN PROTEINS HAVING
TRANSMEMBRANE DOMAINS
AND DNAS ENCODING
THESE PROTEINS

Examiner: Eileen B. Ohara

Group Art Unit: 1646

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated May 6, 2002 (Paper No.7)

in the above-identified application, as follows.

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions of:

Group I (Claims 1-6), in so far as they are drawn to protein of SEQ ID NO: 1 and DNA encoding;

Group II (Claims 1-6), in so far as they are drawn to protein of SEQ ID NO: 2 and DNA encoding;

Group III (Claims 1-6), in so far as they are drawn to protein of SEQ ID NO: 3 and DNA encoding;

Group IV (Claims 1-6), in so far as they are drawn to protein of SEQ ID
NO: 4 and DNA encoding;

Group V (Claims 1-6), in so far as they are drawn to protein of SEQ ID NO:
5 and DNA encoding;

Group VI (Claims 1-6), in so far as they are drawn to protein of SEQ ID
NO: 6 and DNA encoding;

Group VII (Claims 1-6), in so far as they are drawn to protein of SEQ ID
NO: 7 and DNA encoding;

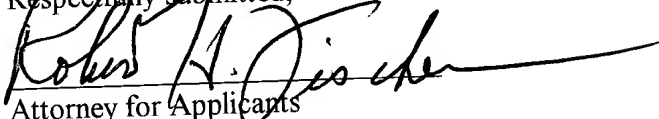
Group VIII (Claims 1-6), in so far as they are drawn to protein of SEQ ID
NO: 8 and DNA encoding; or

Group IX (Claims 1-6), in so far as they are drawn to protein of SEQ ID
NO: 9 and DNA encoding;

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I,
namely Claims 1-6.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by
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Respectfully submitted,



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